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**Congressional and Intergovernmental:**

**Congressional Outreach on Gold King Mine:** Brent Maier reminded Congressional staff of today's daily update call for EPA activities related to the Gold King Mine release.

**Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-1):** Brent Maier confirmed with the Congresswoman's Chief of Staff, Carmen Gallus, that EPA Region IX's CDR William Robberson, P.E. of our Regional Response Teams and Tom Dunkelman, Federal On-Scene Coordinator would be attending the meeting the Congresswoman had today with Page City Mayor Bill Diak and Judy Franz, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce.

**Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA):** Brent Maier coordinated and participated in a call with James Peterson in the Senator's DC office regarding the status of the Iron Mountain Mine cleanup as well as the Administrator's statement giving direction to the Regional Administrators about EPA's ongoing field work at mines throughout the country and specifically for EPA Region IX sites following the Gold King Mine incident. Superfund Division's Lily Tavassoli and John Lyons participated in this discussion.

**Nonresponsive**

**Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM):** Brent Maier followed up on an inquiry received by Regional Counsel Sylvia Quast regarding the claims process for the Gold King Mines release. Brent spoke

with Ernesto Rodriguez in the Senator's DC office and provided some information including the EPA HQ statement on the claims process, website link and information about the daily update calls. Mr. Rodriguez spoke with the Senator who told him that their office is going to reach out to the Department of Justice with some questions about the claims process. Brent has alerted Carolyn Levine in HQ OCIR that Ernesto may also follow up with her next week.

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**OCIR Call for Hot Topics for ECOS Fall 2015 Meeting:** OCIR's Andrea Barbary is requesting Regional Hot Topics "bullets" for the upcoming ECOS 2015 Fall Meeting – August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup> in Newport, RI. OCIR is requesting shortened bullets from the earlier Hot Topics submitted for the ECOS 2015 Spring Meeting. The requested due date is Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.